

SECTION 7

Reviewing the CWCS

This section includes information on the following required element:

Element 6: descriptions of procedures to review the Strategy/Plan at intervals not to exceed ten years.

7.1 CWCS Review

North Dakota's CWCS will be a dynamic document updated annually with relevant information gained from surveys, research, changes in habitat, threats, conservation actions, etc. Staff will be responsible for upgrading all facets of the CWCS (e.g. data gaps, monitoring needs, species accounts) as additional information becomes available. Revisions to the CWCS are anticipated to be made during January or February of each year. The public and other partners will be notified of changes to the CWCS through news releases and other forms of media. Updated copies will be made available on request. This approach should maximize the use and value as a contemporary strategy rather than becoming shelf art. It will also prevent NDGFD staff from getting bogged down with frequent large scale scoping efforts.

In addition to the annual updating of the CWCS, the Department intends to conduct a formal review of its entire CWCS in ten years or 2015. That effort will entail considerable scoping, public participation and will be similar to the process used for the development of the CWCS.

7.2 Species of Conservation Priority

North Dakota's SoCP list comprises the framework for much of the CWCS. As such, it will be important to periodically assess changes in status of species on this list. Due to the time needed to survey population dynamics and detect changes in species range, distribution, and abundance trends, a formal review of the list will be conducted at five year intervals. A process similar to the one developed for this effort will most likely be used. For example, numerous federal and state land management agencies, prominent experts from the public, academia, and various others will be solicited for comments with respect to adding or removing species from the list. The Department will compile and review the comments received and determine if changes to the list are needed. The first review of the species of conservation priority will occur in 2010.